

I Claim as My Invention:

5937 1. A method for the setup and charge-related billing of a telecommunication connection from a telecommunication line unit of a communication network to a target telecommunication line unit, the method comprising the steps of:

controlling the setup of the telecommunication connection with an intelligent network;

providing, via the intelligent network, bits of information required for the charge-related billing;

charging the telecommunication connection at a preference charge rate when the target telecommunication line unit belongs to a previously-made selection of target telecommunication line units; and

charging the telecommunication connection at a charge rate that is more expensive than the preference charge rate when the target telecommunication line unit does not belong to the previously-made selection of target telecommunication line units.

2. A method for the setup and charge-related billing of a telecommunication connection from a telecommunication line unit of a communication network to a target telecommunication line unit as claimed in claim 1, the method further comprising the step of:

querying from a data memory allocated to the intelligent network whether the target telecommunication line unit belongs to the selection of target telecommunication line units.

3. A method for the setup and charge-related billing of a telecommunication connection from a telecommunication line unit of a communication network to a target telecommunication line unit as claimed in claim 1, the method further comprising the steps of:

acquiring the bits of information required for the charge-related billing by the intelligent network; and

forwarding the bits of information required for the charge-related billing to a charge unit, which is present in the communication network for the charge billing, after the telecommunication connection has been completed.

4. A method for the setup and charge-related billing of a telecommunication connection from a telecommunication line unit of a communication network to a target telecommunication line unit as claimed in claim 1, the method further comprising the step of:

reducing a prepaid charge credit by the intelligent network by an amount deriving from a duration of the telecommunication connection and one of the preference charge rate and the charge rate that is more expensive than the preference charge rate.

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